

Stranger Things

Edited for BSAA AFC Teens

S1 E2 -
Jonathan and Will Music Flashback

INT. BYERS' HOME - JONATHAN'S ROOM - SOME TIME AGO

"SHOULD I STAY OR SHOULD I Go" continues to play. WILL and Jonathan are listening to a CASSETTE TAPE of THE CLASH on Jonathan's STEREO. They're sitting on the edge of the BED and bopping their heads to the beat.

JONATHAN

Do you like it?

WILL

Yeah, it's cool.

JONATHAN

All right, you can keep the mix if you want.

WILL

Really?

JONATHAN

Yeah, really. All the best stuff's on there. Joy Division, Bowie, Television, The Smiths. It' ll totally change your life.

WILL

Yeah. Totally.

The MUSIC CONTINUES but the fun stops the moment Jonathan and Will OVERHEAR Joyce in the other room on the telephone.

JOYCE (O.S.)

Where are you, Lonnie?

(beat)

I don't wanna hear it, I don't wanna hear it.

Will's happiness quickly turns to concern.

JOYCE (O.S.) (CONT ' D)

This is ridiculous! I'm' so sick of your excuses!

Jonathan goes over to the door and shuts it before returning to Will's side. Jonathan TURNS DOWN THE VOLUME on the stereo.

WILL

He's not coming, is he?

JONATHAN

Do you even like baseball?

WILL

No, but... I don't know. It's fun to go with him sometimes.

JONATHAN

Come on. Has he ever done anything with you that you actually like? You know, like the arcade or something?

WILL

I don't know.

Will's too nice of a boy; too sensitive and kind to say anything negative or bad about anyone.

JONATHAN

No, all right. He hasn't. He's trying to force you to like normal things. And you shouldn't like things because people tell you you're supposed to. Okay? Especially not him.

Will nods. Jonathan changes the atmosphere by going back to talking music.

JONATHAN (CONT 'D)

But you like The Clash? For real?

Will's bright smile returns.

WILL

For real! Definitely.

Jonathan CRANKS THE VOLUME.